

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3906 - SB 4053

March 1, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to post a notice, along with the webpage of the AOC, outside of each courtroom advising litigants of the existence of the Court of the Judiciary (COJ) to hear complaints against judges and to provide a process by which appropriate sanctions may be imposed against a judge.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$115,000

Assumptions:

- The cost of producing and posting of such notices can be accommodated within existing judicial resources. The AOC estimates the posting of such notices will increase the number of inquiries directed to the COJ and will increase the number of complaints filed.
- From July 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, the COJ had expenditures totaling \$100,755. It is estimated additional personnel would be required to handle the increase in inquiries and complaints resulting from the posting COJ notices. One administrative assistant position (salary and benefits of \$40,000) and the transition of a part-time Assistant Disciplinary Counsel position to a full-time position (an increase from \$75,000 to \$150,000) will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$115,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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